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1. WE CONCUR WITH YOUR JUDGMENT AND THAT OF YOUR COUNTRY
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TEAM THAT YOU SHOULD BEGIN QUIETLY TO THIN OUT MISSION

PERSONNEL. WE ENDORSE THE MEASURES YOU PROPOSE TO TAKE AS DESCRIBED PARA THREE REFTEL AND WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NECESSARY AUTHORIZATIONS FROM HERE FOR THOSE MEASURES.

2. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF U.S. PERSONNEL IN OUTLYING AREAS WHERE UNREST AND POTENTIAL DANGER TO THEM APPEAR GREATEST. WE LEAVE TO YOUR JUDGMENT SPECIFIC DECISIONS REGARDING THINNING DOWN OF THOSE PERSONNEL AND NOTE YOUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT CONTAINED PARA FOUR REFTEL.

3. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT YOU ARE REVIEWING YOUR E & E PLAN. IN THIS CONNECTION WE WOULD APPRECIATE LATEST BREAKDOWN OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES BY AGENCY AND WHEREABOUTS, INCLUDING NON-AMERICANS FOR WHOM USG WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE.

4. THE THINNING OUT OF THE U.S. MISSION, AS YOU HAVE NOTED, SHOULD BE DONE AS INCONSPICUOUSLY AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO AVOID GIVING A WRONG SIGNAL TO OUR FRIENDS AND CREATING THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE PULLING OUT OF LAOS.
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